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1105 King Place
Moscow, Idaho

March 20, 1962

Mr. Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of a few days ago with great interest, and wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration and offer. The Northern Pacific Railway has been a study project of mine for several years; it also appears to have been a project of yours.

The work which I have completed to this point deals basically with the early history of the road in a broad scope, the growth of government regulation of railroads to the year 1940, and the involvement of the N.P. with Federal regulation during the period 1920 to 1940.

I have not dealt, to any great extent, with the railroad and its activities in local, specific areas as yet, but I am extremely interested in any and all information available. Your mentioning of a personal Northern Pacific file has further stimulated my interest. May I say, therefore, that any information which you have and would consider sending me would be greatly valued, and I assure you, will be well cared for and returned as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your kind offer.

Sincerely yours,

Ross R. Cotroneo
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1105 King Place
Moscow, Idaho

May 17, 1963

Mr. Click Relander
1212 N. 32nd Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mr. Relander:

In March of 1962 I received a letter from you stating that you had several clippings concerning the Northern Pacific Railway in which I might be interested. In the meantime I have been quite busy completing course work and language requirements for the Ph.D. Because of this, my research on the Northern Pacific has had to wait. At the present time, however, I am at the point where everything is finished and I can devote full time to research on my topic.

I would, therefore, appreciate the opportunity of reading your material and am wondering if it would be possible to do so in the near future. If you will send the material to me by insured mail I will gladly pay the charges.

Again, I wish to thank you for your consideration and do hope that this request does not reach you at an inopportune time.

Sincerely,

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1105 King Place
Moscow, Idaho

June 3, 1963

Dear Mr. Relander:

Thank you very much for the enclosed material; I have gone through and taken what I think will be of value and transferred it to my note cards. Some of the articles were very interesting and I am sure will be of use to me. I have tried to settle on the period of time between 1920 and 1940 for my major field of interest but have a great need for earlier material. In my masters thesis I sketched over the early developments of the railroad quite rapidly; now, I want to fill it in as much as possible.

Needless to say, if you have time to dig out more of the same it will be of great benefit to me. I don't wish to take up a great deal of your time, but, as you well know, to find extensive files of pertinent material is like finding a small gold mine.

I have located a copy of Yakima Jubilee, 1885-1960 and am looking it over at the present time. Have not, however, as of yet had an opportunity to look at "Strangers in the Land," but will do so in the near future. One of my friends has been doing a great deal of work on the Couer d'Alene Indian Tribe and I have referred him to your work.

In case you do locate more material of interest, I will be here at the same address until the end of July. I have taken a position in the history department at State Teachers College in Valley City, North Dakota for the coming school year and will be leaving here July 19. We hate to leave this ideal Northwest but do have to work for an income. In any case, I can be reached at the history department until we have found a permanent address.

Again, thank you for your time and trouble as well as for the material.

Sincerely yours,

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